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DRAFTED BY EB/TCA/MA:CTAYLOR,JR.:EW  
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NEA/ARP:COCECIL  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

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EO. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EPRS, EWWT (U.S. FLAG SHIP LASH ATLANTICO)

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF LASH ATLANTICO

REF: JIDDA 7849

1. PRUDENTIAL LINES INFORMS DEPARTMENT THAT IRVING TRUST COMPANY ON DECEMBER 10 TELEGRAPHICALLY POSTED LETTER OF CREDIT FOR DOLLARS 1.25 MILLION TO BANK OF RIYADH IN JIDDA. IRVING TRUST HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT ITS CABLE TRANSMITTING L/C WAS RECEIVED 8:39 P.M. SAUDI TIME ON DECEMBER 10.

2. DESPITE POSTING OF L/C, PRUDENTIAL UNDERSTANDS LASH ATLANTICO STILL HAS NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO SAIL AND MASTER NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE SHIP.

3. SINCE POSTING L/C, IRVING TRUST HAS SENT TWO FOLLOW-UP CABLES TO BANK OF RIYADH BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. PRUDENTIAL HAS ALSO BEEN UNABLE TO GET THROUGH TO JIDDA BY TELEPHONE.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONFIRM

RECEIPT OF L/C WITH RIYADH BANK. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO  
CONTACT SAG AUTHORITIES ON URGENT BASIS AND STRESS THAT,  
ACCORDING TO PRUDENTIAL'S UNDERSTANDING, SAG HAD AGREED  
THAT LASH ATLANTICO WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SAIL ONCE  
DOLLARS 1.25 MILLION L/C POSTED. NOW THAT PRUDENTIAL HAS  
SATISFIED THIS CONDITION, USG BELIEVES SAG UNJUSTIFIED  
IN DETAINING SHIP AND SHOULD RELEASE IT IMMEDIATELY.  
NOT ONLY ARE OWNER AND OPERATOR SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES,  
BUT 38 AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE ALSO BEING DETAINED AS  
RESULT SAG FAILURE TO RELEASE VESSEL. KISSINGER

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